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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON PORTUGAL'S UN VOTING RECORD

1. MAJ ANTONIO CALDAS, CHIEF OF CABINET TO PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES, HAS REQUESTED THROUGH EMBASSY'S DEFATT INFORMATION ON HOW PORTUGAL'S VOTING RECORD IN THE UNITED NATIONS HAS OPPOSED POSITIONS FAVORED BY THE UNITED STATES. HE IS SEEKING AN ISSUE-BY-ISSUE BREAKDOWN WHICH HE CAN USE WITH THE PRESIDENT IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN A GENERALLY MORE FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE BY THE GOP IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

2. EMBASSY HAS AVAILABLE THE IO COMPILATION OF VOTES FOR THE 29TH UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND BUREAU OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIAL REPORT NUMBER 13 SUMMARIZING U.S. POSITIONS DURING THE 29TH UNGA. WHILE EMBASSY HAS AVAILABLE SOME DATA ON GOP'S VOTES DURING 30TH UNGA AND SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, DEPARTMENT AND/OR USUN CAN UNDOUBTEDLY PROVIDE MORE COMPLETE AND COGENT INFORMATION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE AN ISSUE-BY-ISSUE BREAKDOWN OF GOP'S VOTING RECORD DURING UN'S SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION AND 30TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, COMPARING GOP WITH US, USSR, AUSTRIA, AND SWEDEN.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS OFFERS TELLING OPPORTUNITY
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TO IMPRESS AT HIGH LEVEL PORTUGAL'S FREQUENTLY UNHELPFUL VOTING

RECORD IN UN. AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS HAVE REMINDED GOP OFFICIALS
ON NUMBER OF OCCASIONS THAT PORTUGAL'S RECORD IN 29TH UNGA WAS
23 VOTES WITH US, VERSUS 69 WITH USSR. THIS NEEDLE HAS
REACHED PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT CALDAS AND IS BASIS FOR HIS
RECENT REQUEST. CALDAS IS HELPFUL, WELL DISPOSED CONTACT WHO
IS IN EXCELLENT POSITION TO MAKE EFFECTIVE USE OF ARGUMENTS WE
CAN PROVIDE.
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